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**Iraqi Security Forces secure IED and ordnance**

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Iraqi Security Forces continue to respond capably to reports of improvised explosive devices and unexploded ordnance August 25, according to a multinational forces report.

Soldiers with the 4<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Army Division concluded Operation Lightning Strike which consisted of a series of cordon and search missions in Abayach. Soldiers discovered the command end of a command wired IED and traced it back to the explosive device. The IED was a 130mm round rigged for detonation. An explosive ordnance disposal team destroyed the IED in place. Soldiers detained one male suspect at the scene.

Elsewhere, Iraqi Police discovered and cleared a small cache of munitions in Tuz. Police found three 122mm Russian rounds, one 120mm Russian mortar, nine 82mm Russian mortars, one 82mm Chinese mortar, and one rocket-propelled grenade. The munitions were transported to the Joint Command Center where an EOD team secured them for later destruction.

No injuries or damages were reported in either incident.

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